

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Council and APB Make 4-Front Attack On Parcels 1 and 2 Zoning Applications

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt city council on Monday gave its formal and unanimous recommendation on applications A-5343, 44, 45, and 46 for townhouse (R-T) zoning of parcels 1 and 2. Denial. Edward Gibbs, attorney, and Les Smith, land use expert, left the city council chambers empty-handed after an hour's discussion, though probably the action was not unexpected.

Greenbelt had spent over a year fighting the same owners (Bresler, Lerner and others) over rezoning of two small adjacent parcels, 3 and 4, on the same issues. Monday night council explicitly told Gibbs and Smith what they already knew — that Greenbelt wants single family houses.

The Master Plan, adopted in 1970, called for R-80 (3.8 units per acre) for those areas of Parcel 1 outside of the proposed perimeter road and R-T (townhouse, up to 12 units per acre) for those areas inside or west of the perimeter road including all of parcel 2.

About 102 acres are located north of Northway Extended in

### HEARING CANCELLED

The hearing of the zoning examiner on parcels 1 and 2 scheduled for Friday, January 22, has been cancelled, the News Review learned yesterday. The applicants have asked for a continuance of their zoning case apparently in order to review their request for townhouse (R-T) zoning for the 112 acres. The R-T zone has been strongly opposed by the MNCPPC Technical Staff and the City Council of Greenbelt.

parcel 1, and about 10 acres lie south of Hamilton Pl. in parcel 2.

The Technical Staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommended denial of the R-T zone for the 112 acres. Instead they suggested the area is an excellent candidate for the comprehensive design zone (CDZ). This is a complex zoning process involving extensive planning of the entire area which would include envi-

ronmental safeguards. (In a conversation with the News Review on January 20, technical staff planner Dale Hutchinson characterized the CDZ as a partnership between the developer and the public sector involving close scrutiny by the Planning Board, the District Council and Public hearings.

#### A.P.B. Report

The Advisory Planning Board, in its report No. 261, presented to council earlier in the evening, recommended denial for the following reasons:

1. an existing overabundance of townhouses in the city
2. increased traffic problems in the area from higher density development
3. uncertainty of sewer availability
4. disagreement with Technical Staff that R-T is an alternative zone for parcel 2 on the basis that R-T would "influence the future development of the approximately 60 acre Board of Education property" that lies between parcels 1 and 2. (The APB agreed with Technical Staff, however, that R-80 is an alternative zone for parcel 1.)

In addressing council, Smith announced (See OWNERS, page 3, col. 1)

## Grace Tugwell Revisits Greenbelt

by Leta Mach

Jogging memories and eliciting admiration and respect, Grace Tugwell visited Greenbelt on Wednesday afternoon, January 6. She is the widow of Rexford Guy Tugwell, a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's brain trust who is credited with fostering the development of the "green towns."

As head of the Resettlement Administration, Tugwell oversaw the construction of Greenbelt, Greenhills, Ohio and Greendale, Wisconsin. Grace Tugwell served as Assistant Administrator and was in charge of labor personnel and information for the project. Working with her in providing information was Phil Brown, who brought her to Greenbelt on Wednesday afternoon.

Together they were given a quick tour of Greenbelt by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) staff. GHI General Manager Tim Mitter explained the large rehabilitation program GHI is undertaking. When work on the frame homes was pointed out, Grace Tugwell observed that the frames or defense homes need more work than the original homes built in the late 1930's. Mitter agreed that "the most radical change is in the frames." Assistant General Manager Shekar Narasimhan showed the visitors other changes — nu-

merous additions to homes and the larger townhouses built about 10 years ago. The group drove over the new road improvements on Research and Hillside Roads noting the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the improvements.

The new Hillside Road underpass is one way the original concept of Greenbelt as a planned community has continued to develop, Narasimhan noted. Another planning feature, the "green belt" of surrounding protective green space has been eroded. Grace Tugwell was disappointed. "The whole concept was lost as soon as people got a little greedy," she lamented. On the other hand, she was pleased to see that the "wonderful statue" in the center and the friezes on Center School were still preserved.

She asked about the Co-op Supermarket. During the late 1950's, she was Assistant to the General Manager of Co-op. She remembered being involved in establishing Scan because of the high mark-up on other furniture. It was during this period that the Tugwells lived in Greenbelt. The family moved here after Tugwell retired from the University of Chicago. "Being in political science, we thought D.C. was the place to be," she explained, "but it was the Eisenhower years and nothing was happening." Even today, the results of their stay at

119 Northway can be seen. "My husband was a great gardener," she said. In the early 1960's, the family moved to Puerto Rico and until now Grace Tugwell had not returned to Greenbelt.

A brief stop was made at the Tugwell Room, the Greenbelt Library's special collection about Greenbelt and planned communities. Reference Librarian Betty Allen and Adult Librarian Tom Simon expressed their pride in the room. Looking at pictures taken during the construction of Greenbelt, Grace Tugwell recalled sloshing through the mud many times to inspect the work. She also recalled arranging train transportation every day for about 5000 laborers from Baltimore.

Brown also had fond memories of Greenbelt. He remembered courting his future wife who was a teacher in the high school and lived in a small Greenbelt apartment. He pointed out the larger apartment across from the Center which they lived in after they were married.

Several friends said "hello" during the brief visit. Al Herling noted that he was trying to get Southway Road renamed Tugwell Road. Mary Barb, GHI Cashier, who had worked with Grace Tugwell at Co-op, also greeted her. "I think it's interesting how many people have been here from the very beginning," Grace Tugwell concluded.

## GHI Furnace Out of Oil On Coldest Night of Year

On a frigid Sunday night, January 17, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Maintenance workers rushed into action to restore heat to 130 units after boiler plant #23 ran out of oil. After the emergency, steps were immediately taken to ensure that such an event would not occur again.

GHI members from the 6-15 courts of Laurel Hill notified the Maintenance Department of the problem by calling the 24-hour emergency number and reporting a lack of heat and hot water. When the GHI night man investigated, he discovered that only 13 inches of oil remained in a 10,000 gallon tank that can hold 80 inches. The pumps were not pumping oil, causing the burners to go into safety and cut off.

GHI's oil supplier, Steuart Petroleum Company, was called at 5:50 p.m. However, the oil truck did not arrive until 10 p.m. The company cited problems with truck lights and the availability of only one driver as causes for the delay.

Steuart Petroleum Company fills GHI oil tanks, using a computerized system that flags tanks needing oil, as their contract obligates them to prevent runouts. For some reason, the computer did not flag boiler plant #23. Reportedly, the company filled other tanks over the weekend.

By the time the oil arrived, it was too late to easily start the boilers up again. Suction lines had picked up sludge which is normally present at the bottom of the oil tank. The lines also picked up water, which is normally on the sides of the tank and which had condensed. As a result, the oil lines froze. GHI Maintenance Superintendent Joe Whalen explained that sludge and water is not a problem unless the tank is allowed to get too low.

Several GHI employees, including Whalen, electrician Bryan Crick, and heating engineer Al Michaels worked all Sunday night to make the boilers operable again. They were in constant contact with General Manager Tim

Mitter. They used electric heaters and torches to thaw the lines. Then a long process of pulling mud and sludge from the lines began. This involved letting the boilers run until they stopped, cleaning the filters on the lines and boilers, and starting the process over again. Finally, at 3 a.m. the first boiler began working, a second boiler began about 9 a.m. and the last one was working by early Monday afternoon.

Other people helped during the emergency. GHI purchasing assistant Mary Ann Baker was called during the early morning hours to get parts after an oil pump blew. Heating foreman Joe Merson and heating engineer Joe Early spent hours in the boiler room. Steuart Petroleum Company also sent burner mechanics over on Monday. But the most helpful people were the GHI members who endured the crisis with patience and understanding.

General Manager Tim Mitter and other staff members met with Steuart Petroleum officials on Monday. Steps were outlined to prevent another such incident and Steuart has sent GHI a letter of apology stating that their investigation was far from complete in determining the reason for the run-out, "but there is certainly no doubt that we did." The letter adds, "every executive officer of Steuart Petroleum Company, up to Leonard Steuart himself, is aware of what has occurred and is vitally concerned that there is no recurrence."

GHI has now established a policy of checking the oil level in the oil tanks of the four large boiler plants with a dip-stick every day as an added security, even though it has not been necessary in the past.

### Heating Inspection

The City of Greenbelt, in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development, is offering city residents a limited number of residential heating system inspections. The free, on-site inspection by the State's Retrofit Project Specialist will determine the combustion efficiency of a heating system and identify for the resident any modifications which will improve the system's seasonal efficiency. Residents of Greenbelt interested in possible participation should contact Michael McLaughlin at 474-8000.

### NOTICE!

The pick-up time for articles deposited in the News Review box at Twin Pines has been changed.

Articles should be deposited no later than 1:30 p.m. on Mondays to ensure being picked up in time for Monday night's deadline for display ads and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday for news articles and classified ads. Because of the new operating hours of Twin Pines all News Review materials will be picked up between 1:30 and 3 p.m.



Grace Tugwell visits with Betty Allen coordinator of Tugwell room in Greenbelt library.

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**Open Criticism Lacking****To the Editor:**

Please print this. It will benefit you, as an alleged independent newspaper, to examine your ethics.

Your reporting and choice of letters read like they are written by agents of the GHI Corporation. Open criticism is reduced to the smallest space allowed or none at all.

The absence of reader accountability invites irresponsibility, prejudicial reporting, conflicts of interest. Missing are the complaints of accelerating rents, debts, incompetencies, overzealous empire-building, and reckless mischief.

Year-end expressions of goodwill are observed to be a manipulative pretense. The cost to the people will be punishingly high unless they voice a loud mandate for change.

**Benjamin Abramowitz**  
**Editor's Note: Duly printed.**

**CLARIFICATION****To the Editor:**

The members of the GHI Personnel Committee, at a meeting on January 11, felt that clarification is needed of the **News Review** item regarding the December 17 meeting of the GHI Board, which gave the impression that the Personnel Committee recommended an expenditure of \$7,000 to renovate and redecorate the employees' lunch room. The committee recommendation was that the lunch room should be made more attractive, with no mention being made of complete renovation.

**Stephen Polaschik**  
**Acting Chairman,**  
**Personnel Committee**

**Editor's Note:** In a January 7 article the **News Review** reported that the GHI board had authorized a \$7,000 renovation of the employees' lunchroom upon the request of the Personnel Committee. In a correction to that story, the Personnel Committee had requested that the room be redecorated. GHI management was responsible for developing the specific plan and its budget which was then approved by the board.

**Jaycettes to Meet**

The Greenbelt Jaycettes had a good month in December. The group assisted at the Special Olympics Ice Skating competition at the Calvert Road ice skating rink. Money was collected for Juvenile Diabetes by placing cannisters throughout Greenbelt.

Anyone interested in becoming a Jaycette, please contact Barb at 441-1010.

**Beauchamp - Neary**

Edith Joberta Beauchamp, daughter of Virginia W. Beauchamp of Maplewood Ct., was married on December 19 to James Jeffrey (Seamus) Neary in the west chapel at the University of Maryland. She was given in marriage by her father, George E. Beauchamp, Jr. of Arlington. A reception followed at the home of the bride's mother.

The groom's sister, Mrs. William Smallwood of Arlington, was matron of honor and his daughter, Maureen Neary, was bridesmaid. William Smallwood was best man, and ushers were the groom's son, James P. Neary, and the bride's brothers, George and John Beauchamp.

Mrs. Neary is employed as press aide for Congressman Norman Mineta of San Jose, Cal. Neary played the bagpipe as a former member of the Air Force Pipe Band and led the band as its drum major at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy. Neary also sang for six years as a member of the Singing Sergeants. He is now a graduate student and Teaching Assistant in Speech at the University of Maryland.

After a honeymoon in New Hope, Pa. and Kissimmee, Fla. the couple will reside in College Park.

**Sr. Citizens Tax Assistance Available at Youth Center**

The Department of Aging's tax assistance program to help senior citizens 55 years up or retired will officially begin February 1. Appointments can be made starting January 25. Because of the large number of seniors who have taken advantage of the program (over 3,000), no walk-in service will be available.

In Greenbelt the program will be held in the Youth Center on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning February 2.

Appointments can be made by calling 699-2688 or 699-2679 on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, people can write for an appointment giving name, address and telephone number to the Department of the Aging, 5012 Rhode Island Ave., Hyattsville, MD. 20781 in care of the Tax Coordinator.

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**Mishkan Torah Notes**

A family service will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, January 22 at 8 p.m. Children with December and January birthdays will be honored.

**Reamy - Winterwerp**

The Reamy and Winterwerp families are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Debra Lee Reamy and Allen John Winterwerp.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sharon T. Reamy, Greenbelt, and Paul I. Reamy, Oklahoma. The future groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Winterwerp, Brandywine, Maryland. A July 10 wedding is planned.

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**Thanks****To the Editor:**

I would like to thank Sgt. Thomas M. Ceccarelli of the Greenbelt Police Department for being nice enough to stop and help me when my car broke down. It was very much appreciated.

Joan Jett

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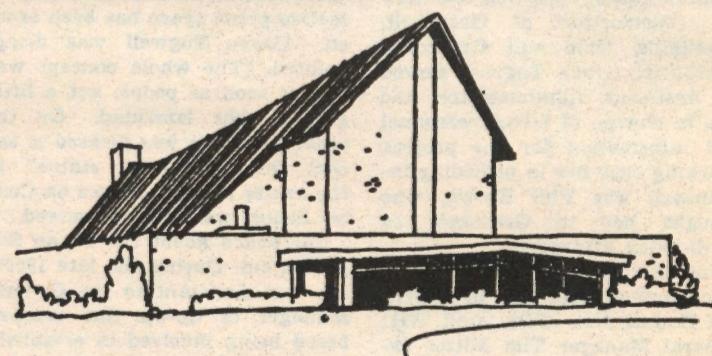
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# Owners Urge R-T Zoning

(Continued from page one) swered the APB concerns point by point:

**Traffic due to density:** This question is best determined at subdivision time, he said, when traffic studies would be done. "Granting zoning does not mean land development," he commented.

**Sewer availability:** Again Smith said, "This is an issue that will be addressed at the time of preliminary plan of subdivision."

**Overabundance of townhouses:** "What statistics are there to back up that statement?" Smith asked. He suggested that there are people who live in single family homes, in particular the elderly, who no longer want the headache of looking after a big house. Also, he said, the young cannot afford \$85,000-\$100,000 homes. There is a need for townhouses, he emphasized. Further, he doubted that Greenbelt could absorb 200 single family homes if the entire property were developed in R-R (present zoning) or 350 to 400 units if developed in R-80. "You have to look at what is good for the community," he said. "No question there is demand for single family housing, but how much?"

**Influence on zoning surplus school property:** Smith pointed out that the 60 acre surplus school tract also lies adjacent to attached housing (Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) along its western boundary. He doubted that an additional 9 acres to the south would have much impact on that decision.

## Council's Response

Members of council responded negatively. One by one they took up the same points.

**Traffic:** "I live in Windsor Green, a townhouse development," said council's newest member, Ed Putens. "It's very nice, but the traffic problem is murder and the project is only half complete." He questioned the process of looking at traffic problems after the zoning has been set. If the results of traffic studies at the Windsor Green's subdivision stage were "one accident a month, those studies don't mean anything."

**Sewer availability:** This point had been addressed earlier by the city manager. The drainage of the area flows north through the Agricultural Research Center. The existing service is a considerable distance away and therefore expensive. The other option would be to pump sewage over the ridge to the existing Greenbelt system. Whether the capacity of that 45-year-old system is adequate to handle the proposed development is unknown.

**Overabundance of townhouses:** "If you're asking what the community wants, I have no question in my mind," councilman Gil Weidenfeld told Smith. Of the 8,000 housing units in Greenbelt, he pointed out, only 500 are free-standing. When confronted with possible townhouse zoning for parcels 3 and 4, over 1,000 petitioners urged single family housing. Weidenfeld, who recently sold a free-standing home, said he had ten potential buyers.

Charles Hagelgans, 7 Court Research, pointed out that there are plenty of townhouses to absorb the need Smith spoke of for elderly and young. "There are three for sale in my court: beautiful location and the co-op takes care of structural maintenance. No headaches," he said.

## Historic District

The core of old Greenbelt is the most densely developed, said councilman Tom White. That density lessens as one moves away from the core. Parcels 1 and 2 are now part of the Historic

District. There should be planning guidelines to make sure that whatever development takes place within the district will be complementary to historic Greenbelt.

White also criticized the procedure which allows for "taking these items off the shelf, after so long dormant. It's ridiculous. A cockeyed way to talk about land use. Let's put these applications out of their misery." He urged their denial.

**Influence on surplus school property:** Mayor Richard Castaldi feared that a decision for R-T now on parcel 2 could affect the outcome of the entire area when the Master Plan is revised. Instead, he strongly seconded park and planning's call for use of the CDZ. He viewed this process as the best way for the developer to get a mix of housing at a lesser density. A second possibility, he said, would be to wait for the revision of the Master Plan, currently under way and the Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) rezoning process that would follow.

Councilman Richard Pilski, the last to be given a chance to speak, declined to repeat points made by the others. Instead, he summed up for council. "I see your enthusiasm," he told Smith, but we are going to see the need for single family homes. That's not to say townhouses can't be part of the development. But right now you have "no chance to get my vote," said Pilski.

In replying to council, Ed Gibbs underscored two points: compatibility with the adjacent Greenbelt Homes, Inc. development and the economic situation. "Attached housing," he said, "will double by 1990 and high interest rates affect what you can sell today."

He urged council not to make the owners wait for development of a revised master plan or a Comprehensive Design Zone (a mixture of uses). Both would take years, he said. He asked council for approval of R-T, but "at least R-80."

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# Utopia Offers Variety of Events

by Corinne Comulada

Art, musical variety and an opportunity to learn new skills combine to provide variety for Greenbelters during the coming weeks at the Utopia Theater.

## Exhibit of Haitian Art

An exhibit of Haitian art will be shown at the Utopia theatre on Saturday, January 23 from 12 to 8 p.m., Friday, January 29, from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday, January 30 from 12 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center and conducted by Fritz Racine, Jr., of the Institute of Haitian Art Form, the exhibit will be located in the two front lobbies of the theatre.

Paintings and sculptures, as well as hardwood and metal carvings

will be on display. Young Haitian artists depict scenery from the island; countryside, mountains, religious and historical heroes on canvas as well as thin, hard metals and lightweight wood. Admission is free.

## Photography Workshop Extended

Because of the success of the January Photography Workshop, the course will be extended for February. Designed for beginners with little or no knowledge of photography, the course will help students seeking to improve skills in everyday aspects of photography. Emphasis is placed on "Hands on" experience and a weekly critique of students' work.

A 35mm camera, preferably single-lens reflex, is required.

The workshop will meet at the Utopia theatre each Wednesday night. Register soon, since this course is limited to 10 students per class. There is a fee.

For further information, call

Bill at 474-9229.

## Jazz and Folk Music Return By Popular Demand

"Present Tense," the big-band jazz group under Leo Cotner's direction that appeared last September, will return to the Utopia stage for a two-night engagement on Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23, beginning at 8:15 p.m.

On Saturday, January 29, both jazz and folk music will be presented. Jazz artists Phil Hosford, Ward Harris, and Mike Prebelik and Russ Russell, folk guitarist, bring an evening of comedy, music and song to Greenbelt.

## "A Moon For The Misbegotten"

Eugene O'Neill's play, "A Moon For The Misbegotten," will be presented on Feb. 26 and 27 and March 5, 6, 12, 13, and 14 at 8:15 p.m.

For information about any of these events, call the Utopia, 129 Centerway, at 474-7763 (evenings).

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## Official Notice

# TWIN PINES SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Nominations and Elections Committee of Twin Pines is currently seeking names of persons interested in filling any of the seven elective positions which will be voted upon in the upcoming annual meeting. These positions are:

- Three positions on the Board of Directors for terms of three years
- Two positions on the Nominations and Elections Committee for terms of two years:
- Two positions on the Member Relations Committee for terms of two years.

Minimum qualifications for all positions are membership in Twin Pines (loan or savings of \$100 or more) and willingness to serve if elected.

Persons who meet these qualifications, or who know of others who meet these qualifications, are asked to inform the Committee in writing at the following address:

Nominations and Elections Committee  
Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association  
105 Centerway  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Deadline for suggestions for nominations is Thursday, February 11, 1982.

## REGARDING PETITIONS

Although it is highly recommended that potential candidates submit their names to the Nominations and Elections Committee, the Bylaws of Twin Pines provide for candidacy by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five members of Twin Pines and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 22, 1982.

In addition, items of business can be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting by petition. Such petitions must be signed by at least fifteen members of Twin Pines, must contain an explanatory statement, and must be turned in to the Twin Pines office or to the Secretary of Twin Pines on or before Monday, February 22, 1982.

**The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. The official meeting notice will be published in approximately one month.**

# Pat Unger - Mother - Teacher - Activist

by Rose Anne Lenchek

Pat Unger goes to jail five days a week. She has to. It's her job.

Mrs. Unger, who lives on Lakeside Drive, prepares inmates at the Maryland state prison in Jessup to pass a high school equivalency exam. She is a teacher in the General Educational Development program, which offers the chance to get a diploma to adults who lack formal high school training.

"It sounds weird, but I love it," Mrs. Unger says of her job. She says her students range in age from 17 to 44, and their crimes include armed robbery, rape and murder.

But Mrs. Unger says that in her three and one-half years of teaching in the Maryland prison system, she's never had an unpleasant experience with her students. She boasts that because the convicts volunteer to participate in the GED program, they are more motivated than average high school students who take school for granted.

"It's a great thing to teach people who want to learn," she says. "They (the prisoners) really want this program and they appreciate any teacher who wants to do it."

According to Mrs. Unger, GED programs in the prison system are well worth the taxpayers' dollars: "We cannot just lock people up and not expect them to have problems. The gymnasium, therapy, education . . . it's all part of it. Eventually most of them (the prisoners) will get out. They might as well come out with some improved skills and attitudes."

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Pat Unger is one of those working mothers of the 80's whose role as a woman in American society underwent changes as a result of the turbulent 60's. When Pat finished her double English and education degree at the University of Maryland in 1959, she graduated right into a marriage with John Unger, who is now a program analyst at NASA.

Her life as a housewife and mother was well underway when the Ungers took up residence in Greenbelt in 1962. Pat's involvement in GHI affairs included a brief effort to bring attention to the lack of black/white integration in Greenbelt homes. She says the community Fair Housing Committee was formed to combat racist attitudes in the 60's. "The intention was to change the climate of opinion," she remembers. "We had well-attended meetings and good arguments."

Mrs. Unger's community acti-

vism blossomed into involvement in the anti-Vietnam War movement a few years later. As was the case of many housewives who got caught up in the current of societal changes during that decade, Pat found herself out of the home and into a job in the 70's. She started teaching in 1973.

As she took on the responsibility of a job, her responsibilities toward her family did not slacken; they intensified. One of her children, Lizzy, is a victim of Downs Syndrome. She is healthy now, but the 11-year-old was seriously ill for the first five years of her life and underwent a couple of operations.

"One Christmas she was in the hospital with pneumonia," the mother recalls. "Another Christmas they told us to stick by the phone just in case."

Mrs. Unger admits it has been a strain to deal with Lizzy's physical and mental problems, but she says her other children have been a great help. She has three older children: Pat, 21; Marie, 19; and Martha, 13.

She says she didn't expect to be in her 40's and have the burden of caring for a child for the rest of her life, but she smiles as she shrugs her shoulders and says she lives by the motto: "Life is what's happening while you're making other plans."

## State Will Restudy Greenbelt East's Traffic Problem

During the November 16, 1981 meeting of city council, residents of eastern Greenbelt pointedly drew the attention of council and of State Highway Administration officials to traffic problems on Greenbelt Road (Md. 193). The residents asked for a lowered speed limit and for a traffic light at the intersection of Greenbelt and Mandan Roads.

On November 20, State Senator Edward T. Conroy sent a letter to State Highway Administrator M. S. Caltrider about the situation. Caltrider replied to Conroy on December 11 as follows:

"Because of your concern and that expressed to us by Greenbelt officials and citizens, our District Office is making another in-depth review of traffic operations along this section of highway. We will look carefully at the intersection related problems at the Mandan Road location. The report outlining our findings and recommendations will be available within the next 30-60 days.

"Because of your indication of concern for the speed limit, a check was made of this particular phase of operations. We have not found a need for a speed reduction to 30 mph. Such a limit would be considerably below that which traffic would find reasonable along this stretch of roadway, and this in itself would create a significant safety hazard. We recognize that the 50 mph is not appropriate and we are taking steps to reduce this to 45 mph, at least for the time being, to better match the existing speed zones to either side of the affected stretch of highway.

"There is a traffic signal at MD 193 and Hanover Parkway at this time. We are checking the actual timing of the device to provide a more equitable distribution of green time among the several flows of traffic.

"As you request, we will keep you fully apprised of our progress as we review and modify traffic operations in this area."

## Golden Age Club

by Blanche E. Lee

Officers elected at the December 16 meeting for the coming year were: president, Florence Holly; vice-president, Joe Gardner; second vice-president and treasurer, Henry Buese; secretary, Bernice Nelson and corresponding secretary, Katherine Reynolds. Officers were installed by Assistant Recreation Director, Harry J. James. Those appointed to chair committees were: Membership, Dorothy Merryman; Travel, Zelpha Parsons; Sunshine, Clara Brandt; Physical Fitness, Gertrude Law; Publicity, Blanche Lee; Bingo, Mildred Don Bullian; Hospitality - to be filled later.

Membership dues for 1982 are now due and payable. Attention is also directed to those members whose dues are in arrears.

## PARENTING WORKSHOP

Greenbelt CARES is offering a free six-week workshop (January 26 - March 2) for parents of teenagers. The workshop will be led by professional family counselors Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler.

Parents will have an opportunity to get together with other parents of adolescents in an informal setting to tackle thorny parenting issues and share failure and success stories. Confidentiality will be respected.

Call 345-6660 now to reserve a space or stop by the Greenbelt CARES offices in the Municipal Building for more information.

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## Our Neighbors

Thomas L. Skillman, Jr. of 2-H Westway, celebrated his twenty-ninth birthday with family and relatives last week. The News Review has just learned, incidentally, that Tom performed a heroic act last summer in saving the lives of three people in heavy surf at Nags Head, North Carolina, following the severe off-shore storm of early September.

Thomas G. Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Laurence Noel of Northway, made the Dean's list for the first semester at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md.

Airman John J. Winslow, son of Diana Winslow of Mandan Road, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

## AT GREENBELT LIBRARY

An adult book discussion will be held at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, January 28, from 10:15 to noon. The topic will be John Irving's *The New World According to Garp*.



Pat Unger, a winner at the GHI Labor Day Festival booth, takes time during her busy schedule for the prize — an interview by the News Review.

Photo by News Review staff photographer J. Henson



## WELCOME TO GHI

The orientation meeting scheduled for January 19 was postponed due to weather.

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# A Smaller Legislative District Just For Greenbelt? Council's Checking

by Mavis Fletcher

Would Greenbelt benefit from being placed in a state legislative subdistrict from which it could elect its own representative? Or would the city have more political clout if its citizens could vote for all three representatives to the state House of Delegates from a district which, like the present one, will include the city of Bowie? At the request of Councilman Edward Putens, this question was debated at the Greenbelt City Council's regular meeting on January 4.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting had proposed a new District 23 which, like the old District 24 it replaces, paired Greenbelt with the much more populous city of Bowie. Under the current legislative plan, no delegate residing in Greenbelt has ever been elected to the state legislature. Greenbelt is unlikely to fare better under the new redistricting plan. (The Governor presented his plan for reapportionment to the legislature on January 13.)

In a December 24 letter to the Governor's Advisory Committee an alternative was suggested by Greenbelter Alan Virta. Since the Maryland constitution allows the subdivision of districts and the election of individual members of the House of Delegates from small subdistricts within the larger district, Virta urged the Advisory Committee to carve out a subdistrict from the proposed District 23 which would increase the prospect of Greenbelt's having one member of the House of Delegates. Under such a plan, Greenbelt citizens would vote for only one delegate and one state senator.

It was this aspect of the proposal which made some members of the city council take a negative position on the question. Councilman Tom White expressed the opinion that Greenbelt voters would have diminished representation if they were allowed to vote for only one delegate while all other Prince Georges county residents vote for three. Councilman Putens agreed. On the other side of the issue, however, was Councilman Richard Pilski, who strongly supported the position that one delegate responsible primarily to Greenbelt would be better than none. He pointed out that in close votes in the legislature, one vote is often crucial and that the value of one delegate dedicated to Greenbelt's interests should not be undervalued.

Council did not take a position on the matter of a subdistrict, agreeing instead with Mayor Richard Castaldi's suggestion that state Senator Edward Conroy be asked about the viability of the subdistrict proposal, which, according to Castaldi, had originated with the Senator. City Manager James K. Giese was directed to make this inquiry.

## Board Appointments

In other actions, council appointed Judith (J) Davis of Greenbriar to fill a vacancy on the Advisory Planning Board. Robert Zugby, also of Greenbriar, was appointed to a vacancy on the Community Relations Advisory Board. A joint meeting will be held with the advisory boards on February 9, at which the city manager will present a "state of the city" report. Interviews with applicants for the newly-formed

Crime Prevention Committee will be held on January 19. The council also set Saturday, April 3, as the date of its annual tour of the city.

A petition was presented to Council by Albert Herling, who was renewing and enlarging a previous petition on which apparently no official action had been taken. He asked that Southwest Road be renamed Tugwell Road, that Centerway be renamed Roosevelt Way, and that Center Mall be renamed Edward A. Filene Mall. Herling made it clear that in suggesting the name Roosevelt Way for Centerway, he was seeking to honor Franklin D. Roosevelt, for whom no public place in Greenbelt is named. Eleanor Roosevelt has already been memorialized in Greenbelt in the name of the senior high school. Demonstrating how dimly these names from the 1930's echo in the Greenbelt of the 1980's, Council members had to ask who Edward A. Filene was. Herling explained that Filene had formed the financial cooperative which established the Mall as a business center, providing support to it until it was able to support itself.

## Illegal Parking

Margaret Hogensen of Ridge Road raised a matter of concern with Council when she reported that Metro buses are impeded in the Greenway Shopping Center by illegally parked cars. She cited a recent instance when the bus on which she was riding was held up for 20 minutes before the cars were cleared so that the bus could proceed. Noting that she understood that the Greenbelt police

cannot ticket cars on private property such as the Greenway parking areas, she requested that some effort be made to improve the situation before the buses are rerouted to avoid delays. Council-members' comments indicated that these problems were already a subject of concern. Particular fears were expressed in case such illegal parking might obstruct access to the shopping center in case of fire. This situation will be explored to determine what actions might be open to the council to alleviate the problem.

The city council took final action on an ordinance granting the city's cable television franchise to Storer Cable Communications of Maryland, Inc. A franchise agreement, previously worked out between the city and the firm, requires only the signatures of Mayor Richard Castaldi and an official of the parent Storer Communications (located in Florida) to put the 15-year franchise into effect.

Council accepted the recommendation of City Manager Giese that the position of assistant city manager, vacated by Dennis Piendak last September, not be filled at this time. Council approved substitution of a new position which combines the duties of city treasurer (a role that Piendak had also carried) and director of administrative services. Giese hopes to fill the new position before the start of the annual budget preparation process. (Also contributing to this story was News Review staff writer Bill Rowland.)

## Police Blotter

Compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Nine cases of theft from autos occurred last week. Six of the cases were in Greenbriar, two in Springhill Lake and one in old Greenbelt. Tires, cassettes and personal property were stolen. In one case a large number of valuable tools were taken.

Both the Baptist and Lutheran churches were broken into on the same night. The Baptist church was entered by prying open a door sometime late on January 12 or early on January 13. The Lutheran church was broken into early on January 13 by breaking out a window in a door.

A woman's purse was stolen in Beltway Plaza when she set it down unattended for a moment.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro charged a College Park resident with burglary of a Springhill Lake apartment. At about 2 a.m. on January 1, a resident heard the sound of breaking glass and made a report which led to the arrest of the sus-

pect. The same individual was charged by Officer Ralph J. Cancele with another burglary in Springhill Lake which had occurred on an earlier date. Some property was recovered.

On December 30 the Baptist Church was entered in an unsuccessful attempt to steal from a vending machine.

A burglary took place on Lakecrest Drive between 4 p.m. on January 4 and 1:30 a.m. on January 5. Entry was made by breaking a window.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro charged a non-resident adult with shoplifting at the Famous Maid store in Beltway Plaza.

Cpl. Michael D. Craddock reported a shoplifting at the Drug Fair in Beltway Plaza. Property in the amount of \$100 was recovered.

Several typewriters were stolen from an office building on Edmonston Rd.

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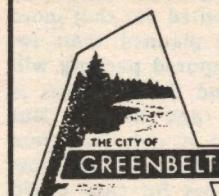
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Federal Regulations require the City Manager to hold a public hearing on proposed uses for Revenue Sharing Fund monies for the next fiscal year (July 1, 1982 thru June 30, 1983). Such a hearing is scheduled for

Monday, February 1, 1982 - 8:00 p.m.

in the  
CITY COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

The public hearing will be conducted as the first item of business on the agenda of the regular meeting of City Council.

At the public hearing, all citizens of Greenbelt, Maryland shall have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments on the possible uses of Revenue Sharing Fund monies, as well as on the uses of all other funds to be budgeted. Senior citizens and organizations representing the interests of senior citizens will be given every opportunity to be heard and to present their views regarding the allocation of these funds prior to final allocation.

The following amounts are estimated to be available for allocation in the Revenue Sharing Fund during the coming fiscal year:

Unappropriated Balance Fiscal Year 1982	\$13,000
Entitlement Payments Fiscal Year 1983	73,500*
	\$86,500

\*Based on existing legislation. The Federal Administration may propose a reduction in revenue sharing funds to be appropriated in FY 1983.

Following the public hearing, the City Manager will prepare his budget proposal for Revenue Sharing Fund monies and all other city funds for submission to the City Council on April 5, 1982. Subsequently, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Revenue Sharing Budget and all other city budgets prior to adoption of the FY 1982/83 budget.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC  
City Clerk

# Capitol Cadillac, City Waltz Toward Agreement On Revised Site Plans

by Mary Lou Williamson

Capitol Cadillac brought to the Greenbelt City Council a site plan proposal tailored to meet the city's earlier objections. At that time the city's Advisory Planning Board, the city manager and then the council had rejected Capitol Cadillac's plans to pave the mud field where new automobiles are stored. The problems lie not with the Cadillac agency's desire to improve its lot, but with what the city views as a consistent failure by the firm in the past to provide sufficient storage and parking space on their own property and the resulting spillover of parking onto city streets.

Capitol Cadillac attorney Rita Manheimer addressed council at its December 6 meeting: "We have met with your staff and have now developed a new plan they approve . . ." She was stopped by councilman Thomas X. White, who inquired of city manager James K. Giese, "Is that a fair characterization?"

"I did not say I approve paving the entire area," was Giese's reply. Giese then summarized the city's problems: "(Because) this is commercial property, (the paving) is permissible, if properly landscaped . . . There is a parking problem. Principally for that reason it is necessary to increase parking to the maximum." He then pointed out a bit of history to the three Capitol Cadillac spokespersons — Manheimer; Howard Jobe, president of the auto dealership; and Jack Burkart, landscape architect — Giese said he had been surprised that earlier site plans had not called for greater utilization of the property.

Giese then commented on some of the details that had been discussed: islands, trees, curbs and gutters, grading at one corner and the flag pole. He would like to see more islands for a more attractive appearance, more trees at the southwest corner of the storage area, but he was satisfied with the cypress screening along the Beltway.

Giese was concerned, however, that dirt had been graded onto State Highway Administration property at the southeast corner, where a railroad-tie retaining wall is planned. The wall would also be on State property. Jobe responded that the State had given written permission for both the grading and the retaining wall. He promised to send a copy of the State's letter to the city.

Giese's recommendation that concrete curbs and gutters surround the parking lot so as to be in keeping with the rest of the development on the Golden Triangle was met with little interest. Burkart responded that curbs and gutters would not serve "much of a function because drainage is in the other direction. It would be merely an expense." Giese noted that the 72-ft. flag pole the auto agency wants has been on hand for two years. The flag pole would be put up at the southwest corner of the property adjacent to the Beltway. The 25 ft. blue and white Capitol Cadillac sign, which is now further to the north, would be moved next to the flag pole for greater visibility from the Beltway.

## Council's Reaction

"I think the problems have been satisfactorily addressed in the new site plan," ventured a cau-

tious mayor Richard Castaldi. He thought that with the promised drop in inventory (number of new cars on the lot) and the increase in display/storage area the situation should improve. "If this is your solution to that problem, we won't have spillover of customers into the streets." What he wanted to know was would there be a transition period? How long would Capitol Cadillac remain in a state of non-conformance? Castaldi assured Jobe the city council would be flexible in accepting an occasional overflow — for example, when a large shipment of new cars arrives.

Councilman Richard Pilski took a different view: "You are a taxpayer and a good tenant." Pilski sympathized with customers slogging through the mud to see \$26,000 to \$36,000 merchandise. He had no problem, he said, with the height of the flag pole — a shorter pole would mean the flag would be hidden behind the Pepco building from Greenbelt Road. "I'd like to see it strung with flags. the flag stands for excellence. Let's give him the flag and the piece of paving."

"It's a question of conformance," argued White. The county has requirements for parking (for storage or display of new cars, for autos waiting to be serviced, and for employees and customers). "This development has a history of not complying with those requirements." White wanted assurance that if council approves the site plan, the old patterns would change. "Patriotism and the flag have nothing to do with it. Assurances have. I haven't gotten those assurances," he said.

Burkart saw the paving as an effort to get cars off the streets. He pointed out that more landscaping is planned than required, that required parking will be provided, and that the sign is the same size and height. But in response to a question from Weidenfeld, he could not say how many new spaces for cars would be gained over what there is now. "That was not done on the study," he said, "partly because they would like to have greater flexibility to move cars around." Weidenfeld's efforts to pin down Jobe as to his future intentions were as fruitless as White's had been.

"Are you saying my customers and employees are not to park on city streets?" Jobe asked council.

"Cars with no licenses are stored on Capitol Drive," countered White. Jobe seemed surprised and said he would look into it. He volunteered that no cars had been parked on State property (the southeast corner set aside for a Beltway access ramp) since the city had complained to him three

weeks earlier, but he did not respond directly to council's concern about parking on the two city streets. "I don't see any problem with Walker Drive," he said. "You are now providing over 300 spaces, there should be no need to park on Walker Dr." Castaldi spelled it out. "We hope there will not be too much inventory on the property."

"We don't intend to have higher inventory," said Jobe. Council got no closer to a commitment from him.

"This is the best plan. That's your best assurance," said a smiling Manheimer to White.

"It's the third one," White reminded her gently.

"Look at it this way," she said. "It took us three plans to get here."

"We'll give you the benefit of the doubt . . . We've been patient with this property. We want a good relationship, but with no misunderstandings down the road," Castaldi summed up.

Pilski's motion to approve the site plan, seconded by councilman Ed Putens, passed unanimously.

## Piano Student Exams

The Maryland State Music Teachers Association will sponsor high school piano exams during April tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students may apply. Applications must be in by February 1. Teachers or students may obtain more information by writing to Mrs. Ann Matteson, 5204 Paducah Rd., College Park, Md., 20740.

## Library Cover Contest Open to Young Adults

The Young Adult Services Division of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System is sponsoring its annual **Thought Waves** cover contest which runs from February 1 to March 1. Young people ages 13-18 are eligible to enter. **Thought Waves** is a bi-monthly publication of young adult book, movie and record reviews plus original poetry and illustrations.

The cover design must be original, in black ink on white paper measuring 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches and include the title **Thought Waves**. Entries may be submitted to any branch library or bookmobile in Prince Georges County. Name, age, school, home mailing address and phone number should be included on a separate sheet with each entry.

The prize will consist of books or records valued at approximately \$25 retail. County-wide attention will be given to the winner and his or her design. Announcement of the winner will be made March 22. Entries not adhering to size will not be eligible. If requested, entries will be returned.

## Recreation Review

### Family Roller Skating

Sundays, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Center School, Roller Skating is held for the entire family. All family members are encouraged to participate. Bring or rent rink skates.

### Late Recreation Class Registration

There are still openings in some Winter Classes which began during the week of January 18. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for further registration information.

### Free Programs Offered

Beginning January 18, the Rec. Department has offered the following free activities: Arts and Crafts (1 hr.), YC/SHLRC, Mon., 3:45 p.m. Kindergarten — Third Grades and YC/SHLRC, Wed., 3:45 p.m. 4th-6th Grades; Chucks 'n' Lassies (1 hr.) — Group games/physical fitness program for boys and girls, (Club shirts provided for regular attendance.) SHLRC, Sat., 9 a.m. 6 to 10 years and YC Sat., 12 noon. 6 to 10 years, and Pre-School Playtime — Stories, games and crafts for fun and skill (1 hr.) YC/SHLRC, Thu., 3:45 p.m., 3 to 5 years.

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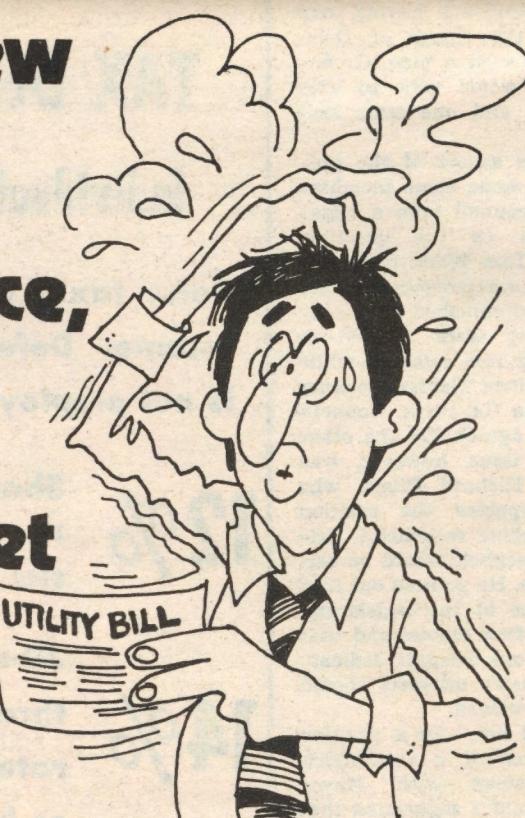
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**CITY NOTES**

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**20 Mile.** Both long distance races went out through the Beltsville Farm gates for 5 miles and return. Twenty milers repeated the course. Jay Smith, 23, from New Market, Vt., easily won in 1:52:40 over a field of 62 finishers. Laura DeWald, 24, of Arlington, Va. probably set a new U.S. record for women, running in 6th place tie in 2:02:20. DeWald is listed number 6 in the world in the marathon

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and has a 2:35 to her credit. Ed Benham, 74, of Ocean City, N.J., who ran 2:48:47 for 49th place, also probably set a U.S. record.

Greenbelters finished tied for 6th, Henry O'Connell, 2:02:20; Hugh Jascourt, 44th in 2:39:22; 54th Sid Conger 2:54:22, and Ken Ashcraft 55th in 2:54:23.

In the 10 mile Tim Gavin, 25, of Gaithersburg and Bob Stack of Rockville, 24, tied in 52:35, easily winning their race. Greenbelters finished: 8th, Larry Noel (31) in 59:41; 18th, Bob Mongelli in 68:25; 31st, Nelson Oertel in 71:48, 35th, Lee Johnson in 73:55; 47th, Mike Kinzie in 81:01, and 51st, George Schroeder in 86:42. The first woman finished in 15th place, Jennifer Rood, 20, Rockville, Md. in 64:25. Steve Jascourt of Greenbelt finished second in the 1.75-mile run around the lake.

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# Heat Controls and Heated Discussion Occupy GHI Board at Special Meeting

by Sid Kastner

Upcoming procurement procedures for Phase II of the rehabilitation project, which will involve mainly the conversion to electric heat and hot water, occupied most of the regular GHI board meeting on January 7. Placement of control thermostats and home entry for pre-inspection were the subjects of differing views among board members. This in turn raised anew the question of what options could be allowed to members under the budgetary and time constraints of rehabilitation work.

Administration chief Gary Morningstar described to the board a detailed procedure the staff has drawn up for putting out bids for the Phase II work. On January 15, the pre-bid informational meeting for prospective bidders is slated to be held; bids will be received and opened February 4-5, to be analyzed during February; actual heat and hot water conversion will be started by the beginning of March.

In response to questions from board members, Morningstar and General manager Tim Mitter stated that representative homes of several types would be shown to the bidders, and also that if an accepted bidder did not perform properly a bond amount of 5% of the bid value would be defaulted to GHI. A large number of bidding firms is expected because of the size of the project and the current recession (causing severe unemployment).

#### Heating thermostat placement

Director Margaret Hogensen, early in the discussion, brought up an objection to low baseboard mounting of the heating control thermostats as presently called for in the Phase II specifications. She argued that many members will have difficulty with such an arrangement; therefore Hogensen urged the thermostats be wall-mounted. This appeared to present the staff with a problem of extra costs associated with the wiring of wall-mounted thermostats, added to present uncertainty of ultimate cost figures for Phase II as a whole. Staff architect Stanley Sersin described wall-mounted controls as definitely more expensive to install, though probably more efficient and convenient to use. In this latter connection, director John Lewis noted that it was much

easier to "set back" one wall thermostat, to save energy, than to set back a number of baseboard-mounted thermostats.

Chairman Jim Smith suggested that the board and staff needed member reactions on this question, so that first step could be to issue an information sheet listing pros and cons of each option. Director Joe Jenkins supported the staff's preference that results of the bidding be awaited before making available to members a more expensive option; on the other hand, directors Frank Gervasi, Smith and Hogensen felt members could be usefully informed and the last-named board member so moved. The ensuing discussion was fairly heated with Hogensen insisting that the thermostat placement originally adopted by the staff was in fact wall mounted. Sersin agreed this was probably the case, but estimated that such placement might cost as much as \$250,000 extra, a strain on the already-tight project budget.

Hogensen's motion to issue an information sheet was passed with directors Jenkins and Donaldson opposed. Following this, on a suggestion by Smith, Director Steve Curtis moved to define the basic package as the floor-mounted unit controls described in the present Phase II specifications, but allowing wall-mounted control thermostats as a member option at the member's expense. This was passed also. However, here Jenkins brought up a procedural question of whether such board actions were appropriate in view of the restricted agenda; Smith agreed, and so presumably these motions will be reconfirmed at a later meeting.

#### Selection of Auditor

Treasurer Frank Gervasi reported to the board that after considering the qualifications of six firms who had bid for GHI audit work, the Finance Committee recommended the firm of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell. Hogensen expressed reservations about the suitability of a large organization as GHI's auditor and felt a smaller firm, one of the others consid-

ered by the committee, might provide more relevant service. Director Don Volk noted that about \$6000 would be saved by choosing the smaller firm, Stegman. Jenkins argued that the larger firm would deliver the better service, but his motion to engage PMM as auditor died for lack of a second. A motion was then put forth by Hogensen to hire Stegman. At this point Ray McCawley of the Audit committee objected that "We and the Finance committee spent two hours choosing PMM; I'm concerned about the board (disregarding) the Finance committee's recommendations". Jenkins and director Wayne Williams and also a member speaking from the floor, voiced similar objections. Smith, while expressing the view that responsibility for corporation costs ultimately lay with the board, suggested a preliminary vote to see where board opinion lay. This turned out to be narrowly in favor of the Stegman firm, 5 to 4. The motion to engage Stegman as auditor was then passed.

#### Sierra Club Meeting

The pros and cons of Maryland's proposed "Bottle Bill" will be discussed at a public meeting of the Patuxent Sierra Club at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 25, at the Greenbelt Library. The meeting is open to the public. Call 568-2365 after 6 p.m. for more information.

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## GHI NOTES

Because of the weather, the regular GHI Board meeting was changed from January 14 to January 21 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room. Items on the agenda include resales financing and an information sheet about thermostat locations.

Another change has been announced by PEPCO. Recently PEPCO sent letters to several GHI members inviting participation in an energy-metering survey. Now, however, PEPCO has informed GHI that those members will not qualify because load factors in GHI will increase dramatically in 1982 because of heat conversion under Rehabilitation. PEPCO has indicated that GHI members will be included in any new survey conducted after 1983.

Under Phase I of Rehabilitation, frame homes received anti-freeze hose bibs. To work properly, these hose bibs should be shut off in cold weather. The hose bib is the plumbing fixture which runs to the outside of the house; its shut-off valve is usually located underneath the sink. Members are reminded to turn off their hose bibs to avoid freezing and breaking the pipes.

The approximate rehab schedule for next week is telephone work at 6 Plateau Y-Z5 and plumbing work at 3 Court Laurel Hill C-F on January 22 and G-H on January 25 and 4 Court Laurel Hill A-D on January 26, E-H on January 27, and J-M on January 28. During cold weather, siding work can not be done.

## Energy Assistance Aid

The Prince Georges Red Cross is assisting applicants for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. This program helps eligible households to meet the rising costs of energy needed to provide heat in residential dwellings.

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## What's New in Astronomy At Owens Science Center

On January 26 the Owens Science Center will present the third lecture in a series on space exploration. "Voyager Missions to Saturn: Sights and Sounds From This Giant" will be the topic. The free lectures are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For additional information call 577-8718.

## Free Monthly Talks On Stress Management

Greenbelt resident, Dr. Robert Dies, professor of psychology at the University of Maryland and a therapist in private practice in the area, will be presenting a series of stress-reduction lectures at the Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital located on Contee Road in Laurel. The talks will be free of charge and held every third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Montpelier Room of the Hospital. Presentations cover a range of stress related topics including: stress-management techniques (Feb. 17); helping children handle stress (March 17); stress in the older adult (April 21); self-hypnosis in stress management (May 19); and, reducing stress in marriage (June 16).

## New Location

Twin Pines has signed a lease for its new location at the former Post Office site. We expect to renovate the new facility and relocate our office there as soon as possible.

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